

Deep River Sustainable CT Committee

Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes

November 15, 2023- 7

Rescheduled to: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 -7:00PM US Eastern Time

1. Call to Order- 7:10pm
2. Attending: Thomas Groth, Jerry Richards, Sara Conner, Carol Jones, Anthony, Lenore Grunko/
Absent: Jeff Gross and Nancy Mcgee
3. Minutes approved- 1st Lenore, 2nd- Tom
4. Current Actions-
 - Lenore gave an update of DRWRC progress and is calling for help to distribute the FAQ sheet being developed. The town meeting to vote on the plan to make pay-as-you-throw a permanent change is Dec. 11 at 7pm in the Town Hall. All of us need to attend to ensure it's passage since this is a proven success to reduce waste.
 - New action regarding waste- VRHS will begin food scrapping soon. A meeting with principals from both JW and VRHS is scheduled for Nov. 28 with Lenore and Kalyn (Essex).
 - The BOS will hopefully install a standing waste management committee after the work of the DRWRC Ad- Hoc committee is done. Angus made the recommendation at his last meeting.
 - Lights Out Initiative- go to lightsoutct.org. Legislation passed to approve. Discuss regarding how night lights negatively affects birds and other wildlife. We might try our own version in April around Earth Day.
 - Air quality monitor- Due to Jeff's absence, we skipped this item.
 - Thin plastics- Sara is talking to Nextrex about a bigger regional solutions. She is talking to Adams as well. We have earned a second bench in 2 months! Deep River needs to assume the responsibility since it's become very popular. The popularity will only increase if PAYT becomes permanent.
 - Dec. 2- Carol talked about the light parade (Park and Rec, Vehicles, Santa and the Mrs., PTO kid games, vender tables) and how we could participate in it. We will have a table and distribute FAQ sheet. Carol has a spinning mechanism that we can use to attract people and offer candy rewards. We can also use Nancy's thin plastic board! It got a lot of attention on Deep River Day.
 - We will not be participating in Festival of Trees.
5. New business- We agreed that aiming for a April 10 submission date for SusCT Silver is a good target. We believe we could have enough Actions to submit done but the writing must get done. There will still be time to do additional Actions needed.